AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Previously Presented) The wrapper paper according to claim 6, wherein the calcium carbonate is contained in the wrapper paper in an amount of 30 g/m² to 50 g/m².
- 3. (Previously Presented) The wrapper paper according to claim 6, wherein the burn adjusting agent is contained in the wrapper paper in an amount of 3 to 15% by mass.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The wrapper paper according to claim 6, wherein the burn adjusting agent is selected from the group consisting of potassium citrate and sodium citrate.
 - 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Currently Amended) A <u>twin wire type</u> wrapper paper for a smoking article, which decreases an amount of visible sidestream smoke of tobacco, the wrapper paper containing:

at least 30 g/m² of calcium carbonate, and

at least 3% by mass of a burn adjusting agent,

wherein the percentage of ash content in a surface layer on each of a top side and a bottom side of the wrapper paper is lower than a total ash content in percentage of the wrapper paper, the difference in the content of the calcium carbonate between an inner region and a surface region of the paper layer is small and, thus, the difference in the calcium carbonate content between the entire paper layer and each layer is considerably small,

and

wherein the ash content in the surface layer on each of the top side and the bottom side of the wrapper paper is not higher than 35% by mass.

7. (Currently Amended) A <u>twin wire type</u> wrapper paper for a smoking article, which decreases an amount of visible sidestream smoke of tobacco, the wrapper paper containing:

at least 30 g/m² of calcium carbonate, and

at least 3% by mass of a burn adjusting agent,

wherein the amount of calcium carbonate in a surface layer on each of a top side and a bottom side of the wrapper paper is less than the amount of calcium carbonate contained within the wrapper paper, the difference in the content of the calcium carbonate between an inner region and a surface region of the paper layer is small and, thus, the difference in the calcium carbonate content between the entire paper layer and each layer is considerably small.